

Daily Eagle

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OUR KIND OF AUGUST.

There is a morning mist on the hills and a fog among the trees, and a drizzle and drip from the caves through the night just now that is a little peculiar for this country in August.

The summer in Kansas is almost gone. We have had only one really hot day. That took place on a Wednesday in the latter part of July. It was all a hot summer day could well be without infringing on the copyright of a superheated hereafter. It was not particularly dry at the time, but a mysterious, scorching wind pressed in from the south during the afternoon and curled some of the corn which was in tassels. That ended the torrid exhibition for the summer. The spring was unusually late, raw and damp. The most of July was pleasant. Here is August half way through and acting in a way totally unfamiliar to Kansas generally.

August is ordinarily the month of meteorological passion in the Sunflower state. The air becomes superheated and highly absorbent. The clouds bank up in the southwest and the northwest in lathery richness and the storm sweeps across the sky and lets fall a countable number of large drops and fades away in the hot atmosphere. Along towards the last of the month ordinarily a storm comes up which is not altogether vain; it gathers for days, collecting and massing battalions of clouds from all quarters, finally letting loose in a downpour which closely resembles a cloudburst, filling in the draws, beating down the earth, frequently too late for all the corn, but a welcome help to fall plowing.

It is not that way this year. We have had a succession of cloudy days, of slow, drizzling night rains which soak into the soil. The corn, which got a poor start by reason of the raw spring, is humping itself, the pastures are taking on a new, vigorous, spring-like growth. Humidity is everywhere, the morning and evening air is heavy with it; roads are muddy and stay muddy; mists and fogs linger around the streams and in large clumps of trees the day through.

We like this variety of August. It is an improvement. And it means on top the great wheat crop a great corn crop, and also that with full wheat bins and fat hogs that we will have in Kansas fat steers.

IRELAND'S BRIGHTER DAYS.

Brighter days seem indeed to be dawning on the horizon of Ireland. This hope has been aroused many times in the gloomy past in the minds of those identified with the long struggle of the Irish nation for liberty and freedom, but never has the outlook for improvement been so promising as now, says the Boston Globe.

The Irish land bill, according to Mr. John E. Redmond, is "an accomplished fact." An idea of what this measure will mean for Ireland may be gleaned from the further declaration by Mr. Redmond that "if it works as it is confidently hoped it will, there is no question that it will effect a revolution in the condition of Ireland."

Under the present condition of affairs, therefore, it is not rash to indulge in the hope that far better times are in store for the Irish people.

The struggle which has been going on for centuries to make Briton of the Celt has never changed the Irish character. As Justin McCarthy observes, "The genuine Irishman remains at heart an Irishman still," wherever he may wander. In his recent book Mr. McCarthy illustrates this trait of Irish character by relating that, not very long ago, there was a great Spanish prime minister whose family, of old descent, had been famous in Ireland, and although many generations had passed since their settlement in Spain, and he himself had never set foot on Irish soil, he still retained so much of the ancestral prejudice against the state which had forced his people into exile, that he stubbornly refused, even for diplomatic reasons, to learn the English language.

The tenacity of purpose of the Irish people has been well illustrated in all the revolutions, disasters and general distresses which have overtaken them ever since, according to legend, people from an eastern clime first visited the little island, and when the country was subsequently ruled by the Milesian kings. All impartial historians concede that the people were "essentially imaginative and endowed with qualities not common to the ordinary ways of peoples grown up to civilization." As a consequence of their intelligence and valor the world has seen them valiantly standing up for their rights in spite of all sorts of oppression, even when a member of the predominant religion could not be a judge, a member of the bar, or of any municipal corporation.

The reigns of the British kings and queens for centuries increased the misery of the Celtic population, but since the great emigration to foreign countries, and especially to the United States, which assumed large proportions about fifty years ago, and has steadily progressed, the world has become converted to the opinion that the Irish people were asking for their just dues and were being tyrannically treated.

Now all eyes are upon King Edward, who has shown more diplomacy and tact than any of his predecessors in dealing with the Irish problem. He alone seems to have appreciated the characteristic tenacity of purpose of the race. When he was a prince and was asked what should be done in the Venezuelan crisis, he replied: "Simply use common sense." And now he has the same prescription for Irish troubles. When leaving Ireland, recently, he spoke of the Irish people as "a race," and almost admitted they were "a nation." Furthermore, he said, he should eagerly await the fulfillment of the general hope that a brighter day was dawning upon Ireland.

King Edward has shown that he is in full sympathy with the noble efforts made in parliament to pass a just land bill, which, indeed, many believe he initiated, and his actions lead to a belief that he desires his reign to be marked by the just treatment that Ireland so sadly needs.

BREWER ON LYNCHING.

Associate Justice David J. Brewer, of the supreme court of the United States, in the course of a recent article on the crime of lynching, says:

"Our government recently forwarded to Russia a petition in respect to alleged atrocities committed upon the Jews. That government, as might have been expected, unwilling to have its internal affairs a matter of consideration by other governments, declined to receive the petition. If, instead of so doing, it had replied that it would put a stop to all such atrocities when this government put a stop to lynching, what could we have said?"

"It is well to look the matter fairly in the face. Many good men join in these uprisings, horrified at the atrocity of the crime, and eager for swift and summary punishment. Of course they violate the law themselves, but rely on the public sentiment behind them to escape from punishment. Many of these lynchings are accompanied by the horrible barbarities of savage torture, and all that

can be said in palliation is the atrocity of the offense which led up to them. For a time they were confined largely to the south, but that section of the country no longer has a monopoly. The chief offense which causes these lynchings has been the rape of white women by colored men. No words can be found too strong to describe the atrocity of such a crime. It is no wonder that the community is excited. Men would disgrace their manhood if they were not. And if a few lynchings had put a stop to the offense, society might have condoned such breaches of its law, but the fact is, if we may credit the reports, the crime, instead of diminishing is on the increase. The black beast (for only a beast would be guilty of such an offense) seems to be not deterred thereby. More than that, as might be expected, lynching for such atrocious crimes is no longer confined to them, but is being resorted to for other offenses.

"What can be done to stay this epidemic of lynching? One thing is the establishment of a greater confidence in the summary and certain punishment of the criminal. Men are afraid of the law's delays and the uncertainty of its results. Not that they doubt the integrity of the judges, but they know that the law abounds with technical rules and that the appellate courts will often reverse a judgment of conviction for a disregard of such rules, notwithstanding a full belief in the guilt of the accused. If all were certain that the guilty ones would be promptly tried and punished the inducement to lynch would be largely taken away. In an address which I delivered before the American Bar association at Detroit some years since, I advocated doing away with appeals in criminal cases. It did not meet the favor of the association, but I still believe in its wisdom. For nearly 100 years there was no appeal from the judgment of conviction in criminal cases in our federal courts, and no review except in a few cases, in which, two judges sitting, a difference of opinion on a question of law was certified to the supreme court. In England the rule has been that there will be no appeal in criminal cases, although a question of doubt might be reserved by the presiding judge for the consideration of his brethren. Hon. E. J. Phelps, who was minister to England during Cleveland's first administration, once told me that while he was there only two cases were so reversed. Does anyone doubt that justice was fully administered by the English courts?"

"It is said in extenuation of lynching in case of rape that it is an additional cruelty to the unfortunate victim to compel her to go upon the witness stand and in the presence of a mixed audience tell the story of her wrongs, especially when she may be subject to cross-examination by over-zealous counsel. I do not believe this matter but it must be remembered that often the unfortunate never lives to tell the story of her wrongs, and if she does survive she must tell it to some one, and the whole community knows the fact. Even in the court room any high-minded judge will stay counsel from any unnecessary cross-examination, and finally, if any lawyer should attempt it the community may treat him as an outcast. I can but think that if the community felt that the criminal would certainly receive the punishment he deserves, and receive it soon, the eagerness for lynching would disappear, and mobs, whose gatherings too often mean not merely the destruction of jails and other property, but also the loss of innocent lives, would greatly diminish in number.

"One thing is certain, the tendency of lynching is to undermine respect for the law, and unless it be checked we need not be astonished if it be resorted to for all kinds of offenses and often times innocent men suffer for wrongs committed by others."

NEW HOPE FOR THE CONSUMPTIVE.

According to a report recently sent from Berlin by Consul General Frank H. Mason, the experiments with the new "eucalyptus" treatment for consumption now being made by the medical society of Berlin have already resulted in the curing of 50 out of 120 patients treated in that city.

The subjects were all taken from the poorer classes of the populace, many of them living in the most unsanitary of dwellings, so that the experiments may be said to have been conducted under the most exacting conditions. Mr. Mason, who is one of the most conservative, as well as one of the most useful of our consuls abroad, refrains from expressing any personal opinion of the new "cure," but it is quite evident that he thinks it well worthy of serious investigation on the part of American physicians.

For six months past the experiments have excited widespread interest among the medical fraternity of Berlin. The new treatment consists of the inhalation of the combined fumes of eucalyptus and charcoal, the principle being really one of fumigation, and the first effect being to modify the cough of the tuberculous patient. The discovery seems to have been first made by the natives of a certain section of Australia, who think a concoction made by boiling the leaves and roots of the eucalyptus tree as a remedy for consumption.

Dowie of Chicago has endorsed baseball. But he insists that his followers must not steal bases because stealing is sinful. It also hurts the feelings of the pitcher to knock a home run. He should cut that out, too, as unkind.

Rockefeller is said to be bearing the market in order that he may buy low. When he begins to buy the reapers on Wall street will garner a crop of suckers all right.

There is much criticism in Missouri on young folk on the ground that he is giving Missouri a bad name. Is it possible that all these years Missouri hasn't known?

Colorado is having some trouble with the muscles around her mouth in trying to look on the Kansas suit for Arkansas river water as a good joke.

The Macedonians claim that the Sultan of Turkey has bought up the American press. There seems to be a popular strain in the Macedonians.

There is to be an extra session of congress in November and December, but no one can say that the country is calling loudly for it.

A New York woman claims that she can not get a job anywhere because she is so homely. She is probably also ill-tempered.

It will probably be as much as a year before Corbett gets it into his head again that he can do it if given one more chance.

In the South African war the total British loss in three years, including death from disease, was 22,000.

Harry Lehr may have some brains after all. It is announced that his brother may marry Miss Van Allen.

It is said that this is the first time since 1873 that August ever visited Kansas in rubber boots.

The Serbian cabinet has already split and King Peter may be expected to fall into the chasm.

A yacht race is not so everlastingly swift as a prize fight and a whole lot more interesting.

There are signs that the interior department is going to be Bristowed.

THE PIKER'S LAMENT.

Dear Cousin
Pa won't speak to ma
soda ma let sis have
Some of Pa's love
letters to ma. i never
her that it of Pa
your sammie

"Let me tell you," d-r-a-w-l-o-d Farmer Poolley, "ma's better than Pa's, and some of those corn-fed steers of Fred Dold's behave better than a good many men."

THE LYNCHING of a man in Montana for feeding sheep is understood to be what Roosevelt referred to when he remarked that "THE DISEASE GROWS WITH NURSING."

Miles, EX-GENERAL and pro tem CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT, didn't take the ninety-mile ride just to work up his appetite. It will be remembered that he said he believed Oklahoma would become a state before the next presidential election.

The Pikers held a meeting last night and voted unanimously with the exception of one member of the members present that the Eagle shall publish, at the expense of the society, the telephone numbers where never a kind answer is given or a civil hello omitted. Anyone not a member of the society who is not too proud to become a PIKER if compelled to at the point of a gun, may send in such numbers as he, she or it may know from past, present or future experience is not fit to use the wires for other than political purposes. The purpose of this great movement on the part of the PIKERS can readily be seen. It is to place central from any unpleasantness.

THE FOLLOWING, neatly written with charcoal on a piece of beautifully tinted brown paper, was received at 10 o'clock yesterday by the Eagle, a messenger on foot having fetched it in all haste from the Delomoy Islands: "DEAR EAGLE—WILL YOU PLEASE DENY THE WORD PIKER?"

Piker is derived from the name of the great explorer who spent his time hunting peaks. A man with a good mental peak, therefore, may properly be designated as a piker.

One number played by Sanford's band yesterday was, "The Dorkiest." Patrol-Landis, Warden Jewett wasn't the composer, however.

PAY-DAY AT THE MORGUE. THE DOCTOR'S FIRST VISIT

Ahl! life, yes, life is short, at best. So, live it now, let Time's bequest May rob thy heart of happiness. May give thee one sweet pleasure less. Drink deep of the joy they give to you. Nor count the cost, with bated breath. That the wage of sin, of sin is death.

THE SECOND CALL. Drink of the cup, it is aectar thrills. Drown ye the goblet that beauty fills. Up to the brim the red wine glows. Drink to the dregs, and then, who knows! No more of the folly, we or crime. From man's estate to the culprit's shame. Beauty and sin in the same sweet breath. But the wage at last—at last is death.

THE THIRD AND LAST VISIT. Garret or Hanson, 'tis one—the same, Fate dole to all, in life's great game. Unerring, just—the count is true. Unchanged as Time—at Heaven's blue, Pallid at last, upon thy bier. Availeth not, love's better tear. For Truth, 'tis true the good book saith. That the wage of SIN, at last, is death.

MONNIE MOORE LATHAM.

Mrs. Dumont Smith says that "it is within her memory when a gentleman would have considered himself unworthy the name to have walked or driven even with his wife smoking a cigar." And she is that low fallen that he will go down the street smoking one himself.

Sunday, Kate Clyde classified women. She ought to be able to get a job in the Sultan's harem.

For some TIME a MAN HAS BEEN able to wear a dirty shirt under a BIG NECK-TIE, but not until two weeks ago. The one who invented the shirt auto-coat with owl, which saves a woman from combing her hair but once a week.

Joseph Pulitzer should get his new school of Journalism taken in under the compulsory school law, if he really wants a good attendance.

Her parents ought to have known better. The idea of letting Ellen Kelleher start across the continent alone, and she only 70 years old.

Miles is AVENGED. "Certain officials" at Washington have been censured by a Texas G. A. R. post.

A Wichita woman was waiting for a car on North Topeka avenue, when an old lady came along and said: "Are ye waitin' for a car?" "Yes," replied the Wichita woman, "and I'm sure it will come soon." To which the old lady said: "Well, you ought to live in my town. We never have to wait for cars up at Hutchinson."

And the Wichita woman, who has never been to Hutchinson, but learned the truth from her husband, now wonders how some old ladies can be so wicked.

"WEE GOIN' TO MAKE UP NOW," a little girl in the sixth block on North Emporia avenue told her friend. "He's quit playing with the dorkies."

THE Associated Press should take one or two of its correspondents away from Oyster Bay, for some things happen in which President Roosevelt doesn't participate. A mob wrecked the jail at Fredonia, Kan., a week ago, and came off one man short.

A motorist married the wife of an actor in London the other day, and a new cyclometer will be to be invented if the public wishes to keep track of them.

WHAT A BLESSING to the American people and to the sheriff it will be when that Chautauque mob in New York solves the lynching problem.

Governor Taft doesn't want to leave Manila until he has solved a few island problems. In other words, he would crack a few Philippine skulls.

HOWL from Ridge Items in Marshall Tribune: "Excuse all the miss-spelled words in these items, for my wife is not a very good scholar. If I'd only gotten her a spelling book when we were first married maybe she would have known whether the equator crossed the Gulf of Mexico or not."

If the Lord himself should visit the earth, when he struck Oklahoma the first question that would be asked him would be: "What do you think about statehood?"

OUTLINES OF OKLAHOMA.

A barber at Guyton sells clothing. It's all cut-aways with him.

End's sewer system will be finished this week. There's four miles of it.

When a young man in Oklahoma gets a new buggy, he is given matrimonial want ads free.

A cement walk has been laid to the University. The road to success is just as hard to travel.

Ex-Governor Rogers couldn't do better if he were senator. He speaks at the Albee reunion next.

Elk City schools will open September 1. Now will come the shortest three weeks of the vacation.

Alone has an athletic society. It should advertise an exhibition and get Ed. Marchant to skin the cat.

Roger Mills county will celebrate on September 24 and 25. Berlin has been chosen for a rendezvous.

Cleveland's county attorney has collected over \$1,500 in forfeited bonds. No taxes are necessary for his salary.

Fire guards are being plowed in Beaver county. Plow deeper, it has been suggested, and use for irrigation ditches.

Complaint is made of the service between Kitchener and Fairbury. The railroad can lay it to the big business at Cashon.

Lexington ladies organized a club, but didn't know what to name it. Latin dictionaries have been much in demand since adjournment.

Oklahoma farmers don't object to the sun's heat, for it makes things grow. Anyhow, they can bring their wheat into town at night.

A man forty years old married a woman twenty-seven years old at Norman last week. Now they can lay all differences to that 13.

Almost any price can be gotten for wheat in the territory, according to the papers. Every town claims to be paying higher than its neighbor.

Wm. Grimes has been grandpa now for ten days, and has stood the test well. This should entitle him to a seat in the United States senatorial class.

The Norman Transcript reports that a postmaster in southeastern Oklahoma has resigned because he was 370 short. He used his store for a United States depository.

Fred Wenner is badly needed on his paper, the Free Press. The new manager is making some dangerous changes, such as calling the printer's devil "Mephitole."

The Caddo County Review reports that the Wichita mountains have swallowed up the murderers of Marshal Cress, of Geary. Now, if the mountains just had a gizard.

Elk City Record: The political complexion of the papers of Roger Mills county at present appears to be, three Republicans, one Democrat, one divided between Democracy, Socialism and Independent, one "I ain't nothin'."

Enid Wave: Mr. R. A. Moore, of Oklahoma City, is visiting with his son-in-law, Sly Oberlander, on the farm, three miles out. Sly is glad to greet his father-in-law, and is giving him a real good time. There is something odd and funny in connection with the relationship by marriage of Mr. Oberlander and his father-in-law. Oberlander is ten years older than his son-in-law, but in activity he seems to be the younger of the two.

Kingfisher Free Press: The school land department is fast becoming the largest and most important branch of territorial business. The receipts this year will aggregate over \$30,000, an average of \$1,000 per day the year through. In the recent transfer of if of the new secretary received for 17,012 notes representing an amount of \$46,195.88 due the territory, or to become due in the next two years. The receipts was a bound volume of 60 legal size typewritten pages.

Alva, O. T., Aug. 17.—J. W. Wilkinson has resigned the superintendency of the city schools of Roswell, N. M., and has accepted the chair of Modern Languages in the Oklahoma Normal school of Alva, at a salary of \$1,500 a year.

ALONG THE KANSAS NILE. A sewerage system at Caldwell is talked of. It's what all cities have.

Caldwell has instituted rest rooms, and K isn't in Copeland county, either.

They say in Miami county that every rose has its thorns and every pasture its thistles.

The grape crop wasn't a failure everywhere. Meade county reports an immense one.

A successful meet can't be considered complete this year unless Frank Nelson is there.

A Lindsay man almost died of overheat last week. Such cases have been few in Kansas this year.

Barber county townships are objecting to a prairie-dog tax. The protest is from the dogless farmers.

The dyke question is up in Barton county. It will probably go down with the water in Walnut creek.

Dancing "masters" are commencing to appear in Kansas towns. A coal supply will soon have to be laid in.

A Meade couple have had their license for three weeks. With them it seems to be breathe and you're saved.

South Haven has a band stand, a music store, a city treasury and maniacs, but no band. The New Era wants to know why.

There are said to be forty-three hen-pecked husbands at Atchison. And Atchison also is noted for well-behaved citizens.

Ed Howe declares that when a Kansas farmer gets too much rain in August, now can bet he's drowned and can't say so.

A criminal case in Barber county has been dismissed because of the costs of prosecution, it is said. It is hard to understand.

All have heard of poetry of seventeen verses. The Mount City Torch of Liberty prints one within seven of the old-fashioned kind.

It is seldom a threshing machine does a Jeffries stunt. Last week down in Kiowa, one handled a fork with a belt and knocked a threshing out.

A few more reports on how Bristow stands on rural routes, and the rural carriers will have to leave him out of their resolutions at the state convention at Emporia.

The cowboys of the early days may have been of good metal, but can one be cited who had more nerve than C. Q. Chandler, of Medicine Lodge. Last week he rode his bucking auto to Wichita, sold it and ordered another one.

Wilson County Citizen: Madam Florence, scientific palmist, has been in town this week. What she can't do isn't mentioned on her dodgers. She charges 25 cents for reading the palm of the hand and advertises that she can tell a fellow what he wants to know. We'll give her four bits if she will tell us who will be the next Democratic presidential nominee and what will be the paramount issue of that campaign-free silver, imperialism, expansion, the tariff—or what?

From twenty years ago, in Harper Sanborn: After the cattle were safely in the yards Saturday night the cowboys started out and had a grand time. Pretty well filled with cowboy delights, they paraded the streets till a late hour, yelling like Comanches, and several pistol shots were heard in different parts of town. But that mysterious spook which, according to the poets, watches over babies, drunkards and dandies seemed to be too busy and no danger was done further than that produced by the noise. However, it was an evening when ladies and children, at least, if not the men, were safe off the streets. With the next shipment of cattle we suppose the march of the cowboys will be repeated.

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